

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 9, 15, and 16 have been amended. Claims 1, 7, 9, 16, and 18 are independent. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-19 will remain pending.

Applicants preliminarily note that the minor changes to the claims are not intended to narrow the scope thereof.

I. Drawings

The Office Action objected to Figure 1, indicating that a legend such as –Prior Art– should be included. Applicants have submitted a replacement sheet with that legend herewith.

II. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action rejected claims 1-3, 5, 7-13, and 16-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Robinson et al. (WO 97/07642; hereafter “Robinson”). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection because Robinson fails to teach or suggest all the features of the rejected claims.

Independent claim 1 provides:

1. A method for selecting the implementation of a supplementary service in a telecommunications system in which a user can use different terminals the properties of which vary, the method comprising:

defining at least two different implementations for the supplementary service;

defining, for each implementation, properties required of the terminal;
and

selecting an implementation of the supplementary service based on the properties of the terminal.

Robinson fails to teach or suggest any of the features of claim 1. The Office Action referred to several paragraphs of Robinson that relate to “services” or “accessibility of services.” Contrary to the reasoning of the Office Action, “services” or “accessibility of services” do not correspond to a service implementation as claimed. From the perspective of

a person skilled in the art, a service implementation defines an internal structure of a service. Thus, different implementations for a supplementary service, as recited in claim 1, do not correspond to different services or accessibility of services, as taught by Robinson.

Moreover, Robinson relates to providing a number of different services, each service having only one implementation, and merely describes how service sets are defined. Unlike the claimed invention, Robinson in no way teaches or suggests that one service may have two or more different implementations. Further, the Office Action referred to page 4, last paragraph, of Robinson, which describes “taking account of the accessibility of services according to network, terminal and subscription capabilities.” Such a description is markedly different than Applicants’ recited limitation “defining at least two different implementations for the supplementary service.” In addition to the above deficiencies, Robinson is totally silent with respect to supplementary services.

For at least the above reasons, Robinson fails to teach or suggest any of the features of claim 1, and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) should be withdrawn. Claims 2, 3, and 5 depend from claim 1 and are patentable for at least the above reasons and for the additional features recited therein.

Independent claims 7, 9, 16, and 18 are similar to claim 1. In particular, each of these claims recites “at least two different implementations” and a supplementary service. For at least the above reasons, claims 7, 9, 16, and 18 are not anticipated by Robinson, and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) should be withdrawn. Claims 8, 10-13, 17, and 19, which respectively depend from claims 7, 9, 16, and 18, are patentable for the above reasons and for the additional features recited therein.

III. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Office Action rejected claims 4, 6, 14, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Robinson in view of Granberg et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,101,387; hereafter “Granberg”). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection because the cited references, analyzed individually or in combination, fail to teach or suggest the combination of features recited by the rejected claims.

Claims 4 and 6 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 discussed above. Claims 14 and 15 depend indirectly from claim 9 discussed above. As discussed, Robinson fails to teach or suggest the respective features of claims 1 and 9. Granberg fails to remedy the deficiencies of Robinson with respect to these claims. Like Robinson, Granberg relates to

providing sets of services to subscribers and fails to teach that a service may have different implementations. Granberg's use of "service logic for implementing the notification service" (col. 7, lines 55-60) does not inherently teach "different implementations."

For at least the above reasons and for the additional features recited therein, claims 4, 6, 14, and 15 are patentable over Robinson and Granberg, and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) should be withdrawn.

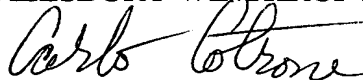
IV. Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, Applicants request issuance of a notice of allowance indicating the allowability of all pending claims. If anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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